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SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRIME MINISTER PARVIZ RADJI TOLD ACTING DCM THIS MORNING THAT GOI HAD RECEIVED SIX OR SEVEN CABLES FROM ITS AMBASSADOR IN JIDDA REGARDING CHANGES IN ZIA-UR RAHMAN'S TRAVEL PLANS. ZIA HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED HE CANNOT REMAIN IN TEHRAN UNTIL MAY 22 AND THUS WILL NOT HAVE AUDIENCE WITH SHAH. AS THINGS NOW STAND, PRIMIN HOVEYDA WILL RECEIVE ZIA AT NOON MAY 20 BUT THERE WILL BE LITTLE OTHER GOI INVOLVEMENT. RADJI SAID BDG AMBASSADOR DOHA HAD URGED GOI TO PLAY UP ZIA'S VISIT BY GIVING BANQUET, HAVING MEETING WITH PRINCESS ASHRAF AND SO ON, BUT GOI HAD DECLINED. RADJI SAID WHOLE SITUATION WAS EMBARRASSING BECAUSE ZIA HAD INVITED HIMSELF AND NOW BDG AMBASSADOR DOHA IS ASKING GOI TO PICK UP TAB FOR VISIT "BECAUSE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE SITUATION." DOHA ASSURED RADJI THAT ZIA ONLY WANTED TO EXPLAIN CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION TO PRIMIN AND WOULD NOT ASK FOR AID. RADJI IS DOUBTFUL ABOUT THAT.

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